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Dear Harold: May 30, 1970

Well, the draft board is still bearing down. I just got a notice to appear for my physical next Friday. As you know, this is very trying in terms of time, energy, and even $ (phone calls etc.). The irony is that I have to easy deferrments and would wipe them in court. The ransacking of their files came at a lucky moment for them since it will be easy to confuse much of what has happened when I make my formal complaint.

The day after we spoke on the phone I received another letter and yesterday I got your postcard.

I will keep my ears open for anything about Potter. Agreed that they have picked up some unlikely books, although at least Bremer's could have been a very reasonable gamble.

Your letter to Mary, Paul, and myself of 5/24 about the Z film was interesting. It brought back flashes of Fred and Dave's claims that you stole Fred's work in terms of the splices which ignored that which you told both me and others, including Fred, about your belief concerning the Garrison version of the film. Your main point with me at the time was not that the splices were in the original but that a rotten copy had been successfull passed off on big Jim. Mary checked the Z film copy in the archives and should be able to give you full info on it.

As for the Nix and Muchmore, I can get them. Lifton is selling a reel including the Nix at regular and slow motion for $14. I will get a copy of the Muchmore from Bob Gibbons for about $10 or $11. I will go ahead and do this today since it wouldn't hurt to have spare copies.

Speaking of photos, I haven't heard from Patsy in a long while. I will get in touch with him since he still has some negatives of mine.

I saw Henry Lippman today and we will be getting together in a few weeks. He is doing a good job of pushing the case in political circles and adding it to platforms.

I will be sending you and others a complete printout of stuff on the Lykken Nazi-style arrests. I ronically I will be at his house for a similar affair on the 19th which will be designed to radicalize some important people.

Please don't forget to keep me informed as soon as you have something newsworthy like the suit in the Ray case. I want to use this guy at the Star now that he is on the line morally with his friends as witnesses.

Today I will undertake to answer Chris Longbottoms 10 or so unanswered letters after reading his manuscripts. I just haven't had time nor the inclination to argue that kind# of stuff.

In case ### don't have time to write Bud, I very much need about 4 or 5 more copies of his summary of the Washington proceedings, and your suit against the Justice Dept. in the Ray case. I promised lawyers I would send it.

Well, I'd better close now. Best wishes.

Gary

PS:Enclosed are copies mf my last letter to Chris Longbottom. Please return them after you have read them. I sent yours along too. I have just about had enough of this correspondence. I have about 100 pages of letters and manuscripts of his and made an effort to read and reply, with brevity, to them. But I think that it boils down to the old case of a man who does not want to find anything but LHO the lone assassin. He gets into elaborate theories without the evidence which might pertain to them which is available and then is contradictory in his acceptance of sources: i.e. he stands on the FBI's version of the angle of entry which is very subjective (and I have always interpreted in terms of a steep angle rather than with exactness as 45-60 degrees) but not their despriptinn of the wound position, something quite objective and easily observable in terms of the differente between below the shoulders and the base of the neck. He reads an incredible amount into what little photographic stuff he has,despite its poor quality. Also, I think the rose stem thing is way out and just not possible, even though I do believe it possible that the throat wound came from come object in the car which JFK might have fallen on. His willingness to speculate and the rapidity with which he developes theories would appear to make him a poor candidate for a researcher. God only knows that I have been impulsive at times and often made decisions based on someone's word on something which was later found not to be accurate, but I studied this case for a long while before I developed theories. In addition, I have always felt that throwing out a lot of theories was a good idea if they were thrown out as theories--but Chris throws them out as fact. If you weren't busy and any purpose could be served, I would send you some of his letters.

cc:Paul, Dick